

Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A hanging element, comprising of:
~~an extended body equipped with a first end or substantially T-shaped insertion body end and a second opposite end or an opposite closure head, characterized by the fact that [[it]] the extended body includes at least one outwardly extending side projection adapted to join several engage another hanging element pieces together in order to have many pieces hanging together configured as the form a matrix or comb of hanging elements.~~
2. (currently amended) A hanging element, according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that ~~the first end or wherein between the insertion body end and the closure head is extended by a single wire which ends in a Y joint, the ends of the Y joint split the respective single wires to form a closed loop which ends in a Y joint which meets in the closure head, and the end of a hook introduced inside the loop for receiving a suspension member.~~
3. (canceled)
4. (currently amended) A hanging element, according to claim 2, characterized by the fact that the aforementioned closure head has a ring~~belt~~ or an identification tag at one end through the joint.

5. (currently amended) A hanging element according to claim 4, wherein the ~~ringbolt~~ or identification tag is one of a label, microchip, and barcode.

6. (new) A hanging element, comprising of:
an extended body having a first insertion end that is flexible and a second opposite closure head end, wherein

the extended body includes at least one side projection extending outwardly therefrom adapted to engage another side projection of a second adjacent hanging element, thereby connecting at least two hanging elements, and the two hanging elements being disposed in the same plane.

7. (new) A hanging element, according to claim 1, wherein the first insertion end is extended by a single wire, which bifurcates a Y joint end to form a closed loop which meets at the closure head end, so that an end of a suspension member is receivable inside the closed loop.

8. (new) A hanging element assembly, comprising of:
a first hanging element having an extended body including a first insertion end and a second closure head end opposite the first end, the extended body including a first side projection extending outwardly therefrom;
a second hanging element having an extended body including a first insertion end and a second closure head end opposite the first end, the extended body including a second side projection extending outwardly therefrom; and

whereby the first side projection engages the second side projection, thereby coupling the first and second hanging elements.

9. (new) A hanging element assembly according to claim 8, wherein a third hanging element having an extended body including a first insertion end and a second closure head end opposite the first end, the extended body including a third side projection extending outwardly therefrom; whereby the third side projection of the third hanging element engages a side projection of the second hanging element, thereby forming a matrix of the first, second, and third hanging elements.